

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 166

## 91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 161.415, RSMo 2000, relating to minority teaching scholarships, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the same subject.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 161.415, RSMo 2000, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 161.415, to read as follows:

161.415. 1. Within the limits of amounts appropriated therefor, the department of elementary and secondary education shall make available up to [one] **two** hundred one-year, renewable scholarships in an amount of two thousand dollars to minority students for the purpose of encouraging minority students to enter teaching. **Such scholarship shall be increased to three thousand dollars if the student is entering the special education field.** Such scholarships shall be available to minority high school graduates and college students who are residents of Missouri, and who enter and make a commitment to pursue a teacher education program approved by the department of elementary and secondary education and offered by a four-year college or university located in Missouri, or who after the completion of their baccalaureate degree enter teacher education and make a commitment to teach science or mathematics, and who have:

(1) Achieved scores on an accepted standardized test of academic ability, including, but not limited to, the SAT, ACT, SCAT, which place them at or above the seventy-fifth percentile; and

(2) A high school rank at or above the seventy-fifth percentile.

2. If the number of applicants exceeds the number of scholarships or revenues available,

**EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

17 the department of elementary and secondary education may consider the financial needs of the  
18 applicant.

19         3. Any college or university located in Missouri which offers a teacher education  
20 program approved by the department of elementary and secondary education, and wishes to have  
21 the scholarships provided pursuant to this section made available to eligible applicants for  
22 admittance to such college or university, must provide matching funds to match one dollar for  
23 every two dollars made available by the state pursuant to this section for students attending the  
24 college or university. Such matching funds shall not be taken from money made available to the  
25 college or university from state funds. The total scholarship available to any one student from  
26 state and from college and university sources pursuant to such match program shall be three  
27 thousand dollars per year.

28         4. A recipient shall be eligible for a renewed scholarship for a maximum of three  
29 additional years. Eligibility for renewed scholarships shall be based on criteria established by  
30 the colleges of education and the department of elementary and secondary education.

31         5. As used in this section the term "minority" includes Asian Americans, Hispanic  
32 Americans, Native Americans and African Americans.

33         6. The scholarships provided in subsection 1 of this section shall be available to  
34 otherwise eligible students who are currently enrolled in a community college and make a  
35 commitment to pursue a teacher education program approved by the department of elementary  
36 and secondary education and offered by a four-year college or university located in Missouri.